

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Confirmation No. 8596

MOCKEL *ET AL.*

Group Art Unit: 1652

Application Serial No.: 09/725,178

Examiner: Richard G. Hutson

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Title: NOVEL NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES ENCODING THE GPM GENE

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the official action (non-final) dated April 17, 2006. Prior to further substantive examination, the applicants request entry of the following amendment. This response is timely filed as it is accompanied by a petition for an extension of time to file in the first month along with the requisite fee.